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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND

METHOD, MEDIUM STORING

PROGRAM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING,

AND INSPECTION APPARATUS

Examiner: M. Dastouri

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2005 (Paper No. 20050228), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.